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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERES REQUEST FOR US-UK GOOD OFFICES
WITH KENYA

1. HAVING FOLLOWED DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER CLOSURE SITUATION
WITH CARE AND AS I NOW READ AMBASSADOR SPAIN'S REPORT
OF MEETING WITH NYAKYI, I FEEL NYERERE AND TANZANIANS
HAVE FAR OVERSTATED ACTION AND REACTION BY GOK TOWARD TANZANIA.
BUT WHETHER THIS IS SO OR NOT IS NOT POINT FOR
CONCERN. WHAT IS IS THAT TANZANIANS THINK SO AND INDICATE
(GOK MIGHT INTERPRET IT AS, THREATEN) TANZANIANS FEAR
TANZANIANS IN KENYA MIGHT BE HURT AND IF SO WOULD RETALIATE.

2. DURING PAST FEW DAYS I HAVE ONLY RECEIVED REACTION OF PUZZLE-
MENT FROM KENYANS REGARDING TANZANIAN ACTIONS AND PARTICULARLY,
ON 10 FEBRUARY, ON NYERERE'S STATEMENTS. FONMIN WAIYAKI
HAD PUBLICLY INDICATED GOK WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW
TANZANIANS TO RETURN TO TANZANIA. BRITISH HICOM
DCM WATTS INFORMED ME AT 1930 FEBRUARY 10 THAT BRITISH CHARTER
AIRCRAFT WOULD BE MAKING TWO TRIPS AT 1200 AND 1500 ON FEBRUARY
11 TO TANZANIA WITH TANZANIANS. ONLY "MOLESTATION" OF TANZANIANS
IN KENYA I KNOW OF IS CUTTING OFF OF UTILITIES TO HOMES OF

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EAA OFFICIALS; GOK REASONS THAT WITH CORPORATION DEFUNCT BILLS
WOULD NOT BE PAID.

3. I KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATION BY KENYANS ON FEBRUARY 11,
ALTHOUGH THIS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE. INJURY, EVEN IF ACCIDENTAL,
OF A TANZANIAN CITIZEN COULD CONCEIVABLY OCCUR. NATURALLY, I
BELIEVE WE SHOULD, HAVING BEEN CALLED ON BY GOT TO HELP, DO WHAT

WE CAN. TIME BEING OF ESSENCE, I WOULD BE WILLING IF SO INSTRUC-
TED BY DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FONMIN WAIYAKI (OR IF HE
NOT AVAILABLE, THEN FONMIN KIBINGE OR PRES PERMSEC KARIITHI)
TO ENQUIRE (A) RE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF DEMONSTRATION,
(B) INFORM THEM OF DEGREE OF CONCERN WITH WHICH
GOT VIEWS SITUATION AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES, AND (C) INDICATE
US CONCERN AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN DEFUSING
SITUATION.

4. I HAVE NOT CONTACTED BRITISH HICOM SINCE RECEIPT OF REF, BUT
WILL DO SO PRIOR CONTACT WITH GOK.
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